

REMARKS

Claims 1, 28, 33, 34 and 39-42, as amended, remain herein. Claim 1 has been amended. Support for the claim amendment may be found throughout the specification (see, e.g., page 35, lines 9-20 of the specification).

1. Claims 1, 28, 33, 34 and 39-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 1 has been amended as suggested in the Office Action, to recite that the “ratio of donor to acceptor in the intermediate electrode layer is between 2:98 to 20:80 by weight.” This rejection is therefore moot.

2. Claim 42 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Liao et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0264174.

Liao does not qualify as de jure prior art. The earliest effective date of Liao for prior art purposes is its U.S. filing date of May 28, 2004, which is after the July 2, 2003 filing date of the present applicants’ Japanese priority application JP 2003-190630. Applicants file herewith a verified English translation of their priority application JP 2003-190630, to perfect their claim of priority, thereby antedating Liao. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Accordingly, all claims are now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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